

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of the “Augusta Symphony’s 50th Anniversary”

WHEREAS, the Augusta Symphony debuted on May 23, 1954, under the baton of its founding conductor, Harry M. Jacobs, and will celebrate its 50th Anniversary during its 2004-2005 performance season under his successor, Maestro Donald C. Portnoy; Music Director since 1990-1991 season; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Augusta Symphony is to be the premier provider of orchestral music for the Greater Augusta Region; and

WHEREAS, activities of the Augusta Symphony are varied and include a Masterworks and a Family Series at Augusta State University’s Maxwell Performing Arts Theatre, a Pops! At The Bell Series, an Encore Chamber Series at the Universalist Unitarian Church and the Radisson on the Riverfront, and in-school lecture/demonstrations for Central Savannah River Area elementary school students and teachers, and free concerts for community events and special constituencies. The 50th Anniversary season’s programming is expanded to include a world premier concert featuring a commissioned work by renowned composer Stephen Paulus for the orchestra and featuring one of the world’s greatest divas, soprano Deborah Voigt; and

WHEREAS, the excellence of the Augusta Symphony is acknowledged regionally as shown by support from not only the Augusta-Richmond County Commission but also the Georgia Council for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the Augusta Symphony is sustained by a corps of 500 volunteers in the Augusta Symphony Guild, the Augusta Symphony League, Friends of the Augusta Symphony and the Aiken Symphony Guild who are to be commended for their efforts in the success of the Augusta Symphony; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the citizens of Augusta, I congratulate the Augusta Symphony on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim the week of September 5th through 11th, 2004, to be “AUGUSTA SYMPHONY WEEK” in Augusta, Georgia, and ask all citizens to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 2nd day of March 2004.

Mayor